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For: INTER-CYLINDER VARIATION DETECTION DEVICE AND INTER-BANK
VARIATION DETECTION DEVICE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference (2) is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references (2-4) were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references (2-4) are attached hereto.

- ☒ 6. Reference 1 corresponds to reference 5.

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